

WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
7:00 P.M. NOVEMBER 16, 2020
MINUTES

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance being recited by all present.

ROLL CALL:

Joe Fate X Amy Snyder X Mary Karcher X Vern Doerr X Lee Carte X

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Supervisor Fate reported that Fates Tree Removal asked him to check into getting a road closure permit to take down the tree at Wambold Cemetery. Joe called MDOT and explained the situation and in return MDOT said that they will come and take the tree down themselves. Fates Tree Removal owner was happy to hear this news. We will not be paying Fates Tree Removal the \$2500 now to take the tree down. They will be taking a limb completely down in the cemetery at this time. John McKenzie has all of the winter banners up as well as the lights around the poles. Supervisor Fate said that he called Plumbers and the State of Michigan today with no answer.

MINUTES: Vern Doerr made a motion to accept the Board Minutes as written from our October 19, 2020 meeting, Lee Carte supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

BOARD MINUTES- October 19, 2020

TREASURER REPORT: Lee Carte made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and payment of bills for October 2020, Vern Doerr supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT - October 2020

LEPRINO REPORT: Kevin Thiel reported all is going well at the Waste Water Plant.

FIRE REPORT: Chief Thiel reported that they have had 223 Fire/Rescue runs as of today. Joe Fate reported that he was able to get into the SOS and the plates for 2 of the Fire Trucks are coming in the mail. It was also discussed that a title is needed for the jeep that was purchased 2 years ago from Ryan Welling. Chief Thiel said that he will be applying for A Lost Title.

LIBRARY REPORT: Cindy Diehm-Ray was present. She discussed the Library director coming to the board about Covid Concerns in the community. The library board allowed the director to make the decision about whether to remain open or not. We did discuss that the State Health Dept. has not closed libraries as of this point. The Library staff is receiving their reg pay (at the minimum hrs. worked), and there was a brief discussion about them signing up for unemployment while they are not working. At this time, they are offering Curbside pick up service. Mary Karcher will continue to keep in touch with them.

DDA REPORT: Dee Powell was present at the meeting. She asked about the HUD monies for park project. Supervisor Fate reported nothing as of today. We had a discussion about the Audit and what we need to have in place for next year's audit.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Sewer Rate Study:** Mary Karcher reported that she emailed Tim Korsen about giving the twp. a quote for a Sewer Rate Ordinance which would help the township on REU (Resident Equivalent Unit). His returned email said he would check into it and get back with us.

2. **DDA (HUD Monies):** Discussed this up in the DDA report.

3. **WWTP Renewal Permit:** Mary Karcher reported that the NPDES annual permit fee \$1525.00 and the Biosolids Land Application fees for \$5632.76, both were sent out last week to EGLE.

4. **BLANTECH:** Quote for Ubiquiti Wireless Radios (Revisit in spring of 2021)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Wambold Cemetery Tree Removal Bids:** this was discussed up in the supervisor notes.

2. **Election Update:** Mary Karcher reported that Wheatland Township had 68.5% of their voters' vote. 1122 registered voters in the township and 767 voted (367 Absentee Ballots and 400 walked in on Election Day.)

3. **MOTA (Mecosta Osceola Transit Authority):** Mary Karcher reported that MOTA will be stopping in our township parking lot each weekday morning at 9:40 to pick up residents that want to go into Big Rapids. They will go from Remus to Barryton to Chippewa Lake and then into Big Rapids to Walmart and Meijer's. The bus will start back at 12:30 p.m. traveling back through Chippewa Lake, Barryton and back to Remus. The trip will cost the passengers \$1.00 each way.

4. **Designated Assessor fee:** Amy Snyder made a motion that Wheatland Township will pay \$58.83 each year towards the Designator Assessor Pay for Mecosta County, Lee Carte supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Library: This topic was discussed up in the Library Report.

6. Board Member's Oath: The members of the Wheatland Township Board (with the exception of Clerk Mary Karcher) took the Oath for their Board Position over the next 4 years, Supervisor Tom VanSyckle, Treasurer Amy Snyder, Trustee Lee Carte and Trustee Ethan Neal. Clerk Mary Karcher will go to the bank tomorrow and take the Oath so she can have a notary sign her oath. After the Oaths were completed, Trustee Vern Doerr and Supervisor Joe Fate was recognized and thanked for their (Vern's 30 years of service) and (Joe's 12 years of service) community service given to the residents of Wheatland Township.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

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ADJOURN: Vern Doerr made a motion to adjourn, Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, and meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Mary Karcher, Clerk
Wheatland Township